simple obedience to His command to enact before God the ageless drama of the redemption of man from the claims of his past to the glory of what is to be. Before God we plead and to Him we offer the triumphant Christ as the ultimate reality of human nature and the pledge and the way of what we men in Christ may become. It is our protest against, and our eager repudiation of the devilishly pessimistic and defeatist philosophy of things as they are, and our confident proclamation of the Gospel of what is to be. It is the assertion of our divine discontent with anything else than the most and the best for our manhood. It is our defiance of the past and our radiant hope of the future. No matter where we came from or how we came, it has all been a part of our pilgrimage. We are on the way to the unveiled presence of God, ascending to the destiny of our manhood in Christ.

We take Him at His word, I say. He promised to come to us, to be with us, to give us Himself in this Blessed Sacrament of His own appointing. Let us come then, joyously and confidently, though humbly and with profound reverence for so great a mystery, to offer to Him in His Very Presence our act of worship, to receive His Body and Blood that we may be transformed into His Likeness, till we all come "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto the perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Samuel William Ingram, Jr.
Dorothy Ethel Henderson
Cornelius Henry Malony, III
John Adrian Sprenkle

Marriages

Dudley W. Winter and Doris Yearsley
William Parmlee West and Elizabeth Foster Willits

Burials

Lizzie Roberts Dewees
Julius T. Morrison
Emma Phoebe W. Carlile
Isaac Pearson Willits
Martha Ann Sinclair
Amma W. Henderson
Alfred Charles Sands
Mary A. Streeper
Ellen Jones
William P. Janes

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SERVICES

The Holy Communion:
Every Sunday ..... 8.00 A. M.
First Sunday in the month ..... 11.00 A. M.
Wednesdays ..... 9.30 A. M.
Holy Days and Saint's Days ..... 7.30 and 9.30
Morning Prayer:
Sundays ..... 11.00 A. M.
Evening Prayer (choral)
Sundays ..... 7.45 P. M.
Church School:
Sundays ..... 9.45 A. M.
Men's Bible Class ..... 9.30 A. M.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends:

One rather difficult and delicate matter I must speak about to you as frankly and affectionately as I can. I have heard directly from, and of, some of our people who are staying away from Church because these trying times have temporarily deprived them of the privilege of making much in the way of a money contribution to the Parish. Of course we want every member of the Parish who can possibly do so to contribute to the financial support of the Parish. We need it, and especially need it from those who can give because there are some who simply cannot. But even more important than the parish's need is the need of our own souls. We cannot be really serious about our religion if we do not want to support it with a share of what we have. If our religion does not move us to sacrifice there is something radically wrong with it. Christians are disciples of Christ, the Great Gift and Giver. If we are to be like Him we have to be givers.

But He does not ask of us the impossible. If we cannot give, and I know there are those who cannot give money just now; to stay away from Church for that reason is the very last thing we ought to do. It is a reflection on the Christianity of the Parish. We want you, not the money you have not. It is spiritual suicide. If things are not going well with you, then more than ever you need the help and strength that comes out

of the worship of God in common with your Christian brethren. The Church is here to help and wants above everything else to do so. There is no reason why anyone should be deprived of that help. Come and get it. In happier days you will be able and will want to help the Church with your financial support. In the meantime let none of us deprive ourselves of the needed spiritual reinforcement which comes from worship.

Chimes-Messenger

I am minded to speak again of support for our Parish paper. The Vestry felt that such a publication was almost essential to our work and agreed to underwrite the necessary expense, in the expectation that it would not be a large amount because they hoped many people who receive it would wish to make some contribution to its publication. It costs something in the neighborhood of four hundred dollars a year. So far we have received in contributions toward it about a tenth of that amount. That is probably because it was only a general appeal without definite means of responding being provided. Enclosed with this issue is an envelope marked "For the Chimes-Messenger." If you have not already contributed, perhaps you will want to put something in this envelope and place it in the alms basins some Sunday soon, better next Sunday, for then you are less likely to lose the envelope or forget about it.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

This is a very important Sunday for us this year. We are to have two bishops with us that day, one in the morning and one in the evening. It seems to be a little difficult for Episcopalians in these modern days to go to Church twice on the same day. One would almost think they considered it not quite orthodox to do so. I ask you at least for this one Sunday to break out of that rut.

In the morning of that day, January 21st, we are to have the Rt. Rev. Dr. George Allen Beecher, Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of Westren Nebraska. To many of us Bishop Beecher is very well known and we will be glad to welcome him again; to others he is not so well known but I want him to be so. He will speak to us about our missionary work, especially in the domestic fields where he has been a successful and inspiring leader for so many years. So you will be in Church next Sunday morning.

In the evening Bishop Taitt comes to us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and it goes without saying that our whole congregation should be there not only to welcome our Bishop and his message to us, but to have our share in welcoming those who by Confirmation will be having their membership in the Church completed.

We can look forward to a busy, happy and profitable Sunday. I want you all to have a share in it.

There is a no less important and pleasant announcement to be made for the morning of the following Sunday, January 28th. At my request Dr. Arndt has promised to be the preacher at the eleven o'clock service. And that, of course, will be a happy and profitable occasion for all of us.

Faithfully yours,

GILBERT E. PEMBER.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

As announced in the last issue of the Chimes-Messenger, review of the Catechism was given during Advent. Being a somewhat upset period, with the many necessary preparations for Christmas, not as much progress was made as had been hoped. Enough was done, however, to learn two things: the children entering the Upper School from the Intermediate Department know the Catechism; the children who have been in the Upper School for any length of time have very successfully forgotten it. This would seem to indicate that its importance has not been sufficiently stressed in the Upper School, and that the excellent work done with the children before entering it has been allowed to lag. This condition we purpose to correct. Review of the Catechism will be continued, and along with the review, definite instruction, question by question, for the whole school. We shall not finish this year, but that does not deter us. What we learn, we will learn thoroughly, however long it takes, simply starting in again next year wherever we happen to leave off at the end of the year.

This instruction will be valuable for adults as well as for children, and should any care to avail themselves of it, we will be glad to have them come into the school for the instruction period which will be just before the regular class work begins, roughly, from 9.45 to a few minutes after 10. The instructions will begin on Sunday, January 28, the Sunday following Confirmation.

May we urge all parents to review the Catechism with their children? The more familiar they become with it during the intervening period, the better equipped they will be for the instructions.

B. R. P.

MEETING OF THE VISITORS

Our Every Member Visitation is still incomplete but making progress. We find a number of cards of people who have moved and not sent us a corrected address. If you have moved recently and not yet been visited, your moving is probably the reason. You would help the work much if you would let us have your new addresss.

We are having a meeting of all the Visitors in the McCallum Street Parish House Wednesday evening, January 24th at eight o'clock and we earnestly ask every one of them to be present. The Captains of Teams will please round up their team members. The Visitors have done the work which by that time will be completed and now we want to report to them the net results of their joint work, to congratulate them on their success and thank them for their labor of love.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Just to remind you that the meeting date for the W. A. is no longer on the first Monday of the month but the fourth Monday. Some of our members have not sensed that yet. Therefore the next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd in the McCallum Street Parish House at two o'clock. Every meeting is important because there are always interesting reports and plans and work to be discussed in this busy and excellent oganization. The attendance is always good, we want to make it better and best. We are counting on your presence, interest and help. Every woman in the parish is by baptism a potential member of the W. A. Claim your privilege.

PARISH DINNER

There will be one more Parish Dinner before Lent and then none until the late spring. The attendance at the last one was not just what it should have been. These dinners are held chiefly for the purpose of bringing our people together socially, and I hope that the next one will bring out a large number of our parishioners. It is so easy to forget the date,

especially as it is a long time from the publication of the Chimes-Messenger to the date of the dinner. But if you put it down on your calendar now and send your reservation at once it would help much. Will you not do so? The date is February 8th, Thursday, at six o'clock. Reservations may be made by calling on the telephone the Rectory, Mrs. Walter H. Andrus or Mrs. George Wertsner. Thank you.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Club is now making plans for its Annual Banquet, which will take place on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, in the McCallum Street Parish House, at 6.45 o'clock. Everyone is welcome whether members of the club or not, and as the Club members wish to make this a better affair than ever before, it is hoped that the ladies as well as the men will participate in this event. Reservations at $1.00 per plate, can be obtained from the Chairman of the Banquet Committee, Mr. Edward Naegele, 127 West Rittenhouse Street.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The Y. P. F. play, mentioned in the last issue of the Chimes-Messenger, is to be presented Thursday and Friday evenings, February 8 and 9. The name of the play is *The Odd Job Man,* and it is being given for the benefit of the Episcopal Hospital, one of the most worthy charities of the Diocese, and one with which the Y. P. F. consistenly concerns itself. All members of the parish are asked to save one of these two dates, and help the Fellowship make a substantial contribution to an institution that deserves all the support it is possible to give.

Because of the necessary suspension of regular activities, due to the holiday season, there is not a great deal of news. The Fellowship has not been idle, however, and two things worthy of mention have taken place. After the midnight service on Christmas Eve, the members went about town singing Christmas Carols, a custom of long standing, and a fitting way of expressing the joy brought to us by the birth of the Lord Jesus. A worthy precedent for this custom is found in the story of the angels who sang that first Christmas morning, and it is gratifying to see their example followed through the ages, particularly by our young people.

The other activity was the entertainment provided for the Christmas party of the Senior Department of the Church School. This was a "mellerdrammer" entitled *Curses, What a Night,* a burlesque on the old fashioned thriller, ably presented by Fellowship members.

Now that the holidays are over, regular activities and meetings have been resumed. May the Fellowship again remind you of the dates of the play? February 8 and 9. Please remember them, and help our young people help others.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Senior Branch

The Seniors are knitting a wool blanket and ask for contributions of colored yarns. If anyone in the Parish has small quantities of yarn and will send the same to Mrs. J. Charlton, 108 E. Walnut Lane, or to the McCallum Street or High Street Parish House, the members will be very grateful.

The Seniors have two teams in the basket ball league, with an independent third team.

Married Members' Club

This branch of the G. F. S. is planning its next meeting for February 7th. This will be a Valentine Party, the last social occasion before the Lenten season begins.

G. F. S. Candidates

The Candidates have had a very successful year, finishing up its work by sending Christmas stockings to the Philadelphia General Hospital, Deaconess Norris' children in Kensington, games, candy, etc., to the older men at the Philadelphia General Hospital, countless number of toys to Miss Kershaw's little shut-ins, also stockings and magazine subscriptions to individuals who are ill. The Junior group knitted squares for a quilt which was made up and sent to a little shut-in.

A great many new children have been enrolled and the Candidates now number about one hundred and twenty-one.

On January 30th, at 3.45 in the High Street Parish Building an entertainment will be put on for the Candidates by the National Dairy Council. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in the Parish was a happy and spiritually profitable season. The Church was crowded at the Midnight Celebration of the Holy Communion and the very large number of those who made their communions was gratifying. There was another large congregation at the half past seven service. The number at the Choral Eucharist at ten was not so large. Probably that is to be expected when we have so many at the earlier services, still it is true that we miss something out of the glory of Christmas when we do not share in the beauty and majesty of the Christmas music. The Carol Service on the Sunday after Christmas saw the Church full and we had a happy and hearty service. During the week came the Christmas parties for the School, three of them, and each went off successfully and happily. Another year we hope we can have a great Christmas Pageant for the whole School which will be both entertaining and instructive.

As it should be, the keeping of Christmas was not all geting, the spirit of giving which is the soul of it all was here. We were able to send out thirty baskets of Christmas cheer. The various organizations sent presents to various groups of people to whom the season might have been dreary otherwise. Notably the Boy Scouts who provided the tree and gifts for the crippled children of St. Michael and All Angels' Home and the G. F. S. Candidates who brought cheer to several different sets of people.

CONFORMED OR TRANSFORMED?*

Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed . . . .
Romans 12: 2.

We are in the season of Epiphany with its heartening truth of the Manifestation of Christ as the Saviour of human nature, the manifestation of Christ, the manhood of Christ, as the ideal of manhood and the goal for men. Into that manhood we seek to be transformed.

Conformed. Transformed. The words stand for two entirely different attitudes toward life. It is so easy, and com-

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*Being the address of Dr. Pember at the Holy Communion on the First Sunday after Epiphany.

mon, to be conformed to things as they are. It is so hard, and so rare, to be transformed into things as they may be.

The conformer hears on all sides and reads all through current literature that man is descended from the animals. He is constantly reminded that after all he is a physical being, limited by his body and its five senses. Insidiously and with great ingenuity he is encouraged to think that he must limit himself to the desires of his body for food, rest and pleasure and what will contribute in some way to those desires. He is surrounded by material things. He sees them piled up all around him. He is taught that to have things is the destiny and the fulness of life for a physical being like himself. Things for the great thing he is.

He philosophizes about it in order to justify his attitude and actions. He talks about self expression, meaning thereby for the most part the expression of the animal side of him. He boasts that he is going to be himself and live a full life, meaning thereby to be a strong, healthy, satisfied animal. He determines that he is going to be natural and live his own life, meaning thereby this physical thing to which he limits his nature. He is going to be the practical, hard-headed man of commonsense, who adjusts himself to things as they are, as if they were the whole truth about him as a man. He has read somewhere in some pious book, or perhaps in a hazy way remembers it from the teaching of a long departed mother or a long neglected and now despised Church, that it has been said that "Man shall not live by bread alone." He has become wise in the ways of the world and has arrived at the sound philosophy of life by dropping the negative. "Man shall live by bread alone." And he proceeds to do his utmost to get just as much bread as he possibly can and stuff himself with it. He is quite certain that he came from the jungle and does not think very highly of himself because of his origin. Undoubtedly he is on the way back to the jungle from whence he thinks he came.

The transformer knows all about these humble origins of one side of his nature. He is entirely conscious of his body with its demands for food and rest and satisfaction. He considers them legitimate demands. He does not despise his senses.

He enjoys them. He does not hold material things in contempt. But he is not satisfied with any of them or any amount of them, because he knows that he is more than a thing or a body. He is something greater than an animal. He does not think of himself as descending from a source. He thinks of himself as ascending to a destiny. He never thinks of himself as having arrived. He is always on the way. His life is not a static thing, it is a pilgrimage to a City which hath foundations. He is not content with things as they are, he presses towards things as they may become. He is not so much concerned with self expression as with self realization. He is not satisfied with grubbing around the roots of his being. He is reaching out for the fruits of his being in a far flung future. He is not so much interested in or insistent upon being free to express himself. He is eager even under discipline to attain a better and greater self. He has learned the eternal wisdom. Life does not consist in having or even in being, but in everlastingly becoming. Life is a process and a growth, something in the making. Its golden age is always ahead of it and never behind it. Success in living is not a mathematical problem of being conformed to things as they are. It is a spiritual adventure in being transformed into that which is to be.

Suppose man did start in prehistoric slime, he did not stay there, and he need not return there. That is the splendor of the manifestation of Christ as the Saviour of men. He shows the glory of our destiny. No matter what man was, aye, no matter what any man is today, this he may become in the great tomorrow—the child of God, the Christlike heir of all the ages. Look up and not down, out and not in, on and not back, press toward the mark for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus. That is the message of Christmas universalized by the Epiphany truth.

And that I take it is one of the primary significances of this great act of Eucharistic worship in which we are now engaged. We are taking Christ at His Word, believing that He is the Word of God. Out from the world of things as they are, out from our close and necessary association with the material and the physical, we come for these few moments in